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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In reply to the Official Action dated March 21, 2006, Applicants request reconsideration based on the following remarks.

Claims 1-17 and 19-67 are pending. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is earnestly solicited.

Claims 36-42 and 65-67 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. According to the Office Action, the claims contain subject matter that was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors at the time the application was filed had possession of the claimed invention. In particular, the Office Action alleges that the originally filed disclosure does not provide support for the base portion surface having a